

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 3, 2003

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION FUNDING OF REGIONAL REGISTRY FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submission of application to the State of California Department of Health Services to continue funding for the regional automated immunization information registry in San Bernardino County in the amount of \$272,250 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item continues State funding for the Regional Immunization Registry. The registry, known as VaxTrack (formerly the Inland Empire Immunization Tracking System) serves the two-county San Bernardino and Riverside region.

VaxTrack is used by the Department's immunization and child health clinics as well as by more than 300 health care providers countywide. As of September 2002, VaxTrack contained records of more than 690,000 children with over 3.5 million immunizations recorded. Among children who required the most immunizations (children under the age of 5), there were 272,181 children in VaxTrack with 36% of these records containing immunization histories. The department's goal is to increase that rate to 45% by June 2004. The registry is designed to be a regional automated information and reminder system to ensure adequate immunizations for all children in the community, whether served by private or public providers.

Funding to plan and develop a San Bernardino County automated immunization information system was first provided by a private foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1992. The California Department of Health Services began funding in 1997 to expand use of the registry. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2000-2001, the California Department of Health Services required a single collaborative regional application that included two or more counties with a total population of at least three million. The Board approved a combined application with Riverside County on April 4, 2000. Each county maintains its own contract with the Department of Health Services for these activities.

San Bernardino, as the lead agency, submits to the State two sets of application attachments: one as a combined region and one of behalf of San Bernardino County only. The combined attachments reflect the total State funding of \$495,000, of which, \$272,250 is for San Bernardino County.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on May 23, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst) on May 23, 2003.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of submission of this application requires no County local cost. However, this contract does not cover the entire cost of maintaining the Registry. Additional registry costs of \$319,996 are included in the department's budget and are funded by realignment revenue.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action as it will result in no additional cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Programs Administrator